

The Fantasy Sports Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge area of MetraPark.

Committee members present: John Tooke, Chairman, Bill Nooney, Vice-Chairman, Tom Tucker. Also present: Ben Carlson, Sam Murfitt, Lou Wojciechowski, Duane Binstock.

Discussion ensued on the fantasy sports law and rules covering pari-mutuel operations and how this would fit into existing rules. It was the consensus that Fantasy Sports should be a separate section under existing rules.

The committee talked about pari-mutuel betting; substituting team names for horses, noting that there will be little change in the exotic bets. Sam suggested that a pari-mutuel fantasy sports sub chapter under existing rules could define allowed wagers.

Definitions need to be addressed as people identify with rules: Identify leagues. It was discussed how to do it so players will know how it is going to be scored. This needs to be accommodated under league rules, which gives a certain amount of latitude, not included in administrative rules. John said definitions must be very clear. Tom pointed out a hub can have more than one network (league); have a central hub, networks will have to link with the central hub; all tote systems talk to each other. Sam wants the committee to decide what will work, cautioning not to limit it too much.

The cost of system delivery was discussed. From an operation standpoint vendor relationship gets down to collection issues; security and flow of funds becomes a paramount importance.

Sam asked what type of propositions are they (Century, United Tote), thinking of? He said we are looking at the basic tote machine. Tom said we are talking about the same propositions as we talked about several years ago. The fantasy sports can be put in the existing machines – the tote machines are out there. Tom stated that he was going to San Diego to look at a new series machine. He said a one network thing is a win win situation.

John stated rules need to be done first. Sam said league rules have to be administrative rules. BOHR should approve a point compiler provider – the Board regulates. The network submit an approved compiler of points. Bill stated the need for a set of instructions for the games, telling the house player what he can do. Work within the rules of the state. Sam said everything pertinent needs to be put in the Board rules. You can change rules if they don't work. No such thing as a general rule. Need specificity. Need league guidelines. John said we need the betting configurations. Bill: need a sub chapter on each sport.

A discussion ensued on a flow chart – chain of command. Sam presented the chart he had prepared. BOHR>Network Licensee, they will decide who will be bonded, enter into contractual partnership contracts with the vendors>joints.

Two Charts: communications and administrative duties.

Verification from the BOHR order of finish. Official order of finish contact the hub to pay it, then simulcast to sites news services. Three sets of eyes putting in order of finish: BOHR, Stewards, Hub.

Tom was asked for information to present at the next meeting for scenarios to communicate results.

Other items discussed: disclaimers, same as on race programs; separate flows on accounting; same information supplied to the newspapers. State needs a contract with the news information provider.

The committee talked about Football rules. (General rules out of BOHR Rule Book)

Program: Information needed

Race Secretary compile program>hub operator

Rule: Must be present to bet.

Rosters: How to put together, How they are presented.

Discussion on amounts of wagers.

So similar league roster for other sports: Naascar, Basketball, Golf, Baseball

The next meeting of the Fantasy Sports Committee will be held July 30th, 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge area at MetraPark, Billings.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.